

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Brooks et al.**

Serial No.: **10/751,317**

Filed: **January 2, 2004**

For: **Method, System, and Product for  
Defining and Managing Provisioning  
States for Resources in Provisioning  
Data Processing Systems**

§ Group Art Unit: **2195**

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§ Examiner: **Tang, Kenneth**

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In response to the Final Office Action of February 26, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.